(b) The children are being provided with treatment for opportunistic infections in Government hospitals. The family members and Community based organizations are encouraged to take care of AIDS orphaned children. The Government of India had initiated a feasibility study for AZT (Zidovudine) intervention to reduce Mother to Child Transmission in India at eleven centres viz Maharashtra(5), Chennai(3), Karnataka(1), Andhra Pradesh(1) and Manipur(1). The results were encouraging. The second phase of feasibility using single dose Nevirapine has been started on 1st October, 2001.

Central clearance for importing certain Drugs

2158. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:—Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make it mandatory for researchers to obtain Central clearance for importing drugs meant for trial on human beings;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when this proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR) : (a) to (d) Drugs and Cosmetics Rule 122 is being amended with regard to New Drug clinical trials in the country. Investigators/Researchers will have to obtain Clearance from Drugs Controller General (India) to initiate clinical trials on human beings. This proposal is likely to be implemented during the current year.

Setting up of PHCs in U.P.

2159. DR. SWAMI SAKSHI JI MAHARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the areas in U.P. which qualify for setting up of PHCs but are without the same; and

(b) the steps being taken to set-up PHCs there?